

MARCH 2006

MARINA READER

LONG BEACH PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE

HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY!

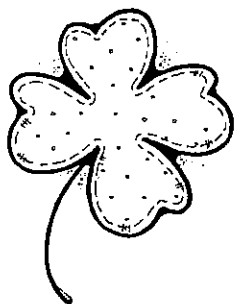
REGULATION OF DECALS

We would like to remind our boat-owners to renew any expired California vessel registrations if you haven't already done so, and to affix your current decals to your vessels. Also, please ensure that your CF numbers are clearly visible and permanently affixed. These are state laws and will be enforced, so if you are unsure as to the proper way to display your vessel registration numbers and decals, please refer to the following:

In compliance with the California Boating Laws and Dept. of Motor Vehicles Code regarding **Registration of Vessels, Article 3.2, sections 190.00 and 109.01**, the number issued to each registered vessel shall be displayed in the following manner:

- Be **painted on** or **permanently attached** to **each** side of the **forward half** of the vessel.
- Be in plain vertical block characters of not less than **3 inches** in height, reading from left to right.
- Contrast with the color of the background and be distinctly visible and legible.
- In addition, the **registration stickers** must be securely affixed **on each** side of the vessel **three inches aft** (toward the stern) of and directly in line with the registration numbers, and **clearly visible** at all times.

The Marine Bureau hopes this information will be helpful in assisting you in displaying your vessel numbers and decals properly.



US COAST GUARD

U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 3-1, will be sponsoring an 8-week class, Basic Coastal Navigation and GPS, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM each Wednesday evening beginning March 8, 2006. This class will be held at "Peck Park Recreation Center, 560 N. Western Ave., San Pedro (Corner of Western and Crestwood). Cost is \$45 for textbooks.

For further information call Howard Kay 310/833-9577.



PHONE NUMBERS TO KEEP ON HAND



Marine Patrol Emergency 24 hours a day.....(562) 435-6711 or 911
 Marine Patrol Non-emergency during working hours....(562) 570-3216
 Maintenance during working hours(562) 570-1582
 Alamitos Bay Office(562) 570-3215
 Shoreline Office(562) 570-4950
 After office hours (entire department)(562) 570-3101

TIDE CHART FOR MARCH 2006

LOW TIDE

HIGH TIDE

	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.
1W	3:47	0.2	4:12	-0.4	9:53	5.8	10:28	5.5
2Th	4:38	0.1	4:44	0.3	10:42	5.0	11:04	5.6
3F	5:35	0.1	5:16	1.0	11:38	4.1	11:43	5.5
4Sa	6:41	0.3	5:47	1.7	—	—	12:48	3.3
5Su	8:07	0.5	6:20	2.4	12:30	5.2	2:48	2.7
6M	9:53	0.4	—	—	1:32	4.9	—	—
7Tu	11:21	0.2	10:25	3.0	3:00	4.7	7:02	3.3
8W	(12:20	-0.2)	11:47	2.7	4:32	4.7	7:28	3.6
9Th	—	—	1:02	-0.4	5:39	4.9	7:50	3.8
10F	12:35	2.3	1:34	-0.5	6:27	5.2	8:09	4.0
11Sa	1:10	2.0	2:01	-0.5	7:06	5.3	8:26	4.2
12Su	1:41	1.6	2:24	-0.4	7:39	5.4	8:42	4.3
13M	2:10	1.3	2:45	-0.2	8:10	5.3	8:59	4.5
14Tu	2:39	1.0	3:05	0.0	8:41	5.2	9:17	4.7
15W	3:10	0.7	3:24	0.3	9:11	4.9	9:35	4.8
16Th	3:42	0.6	3:42	0.7	9:43	4.5	9:54	4.9
17F	4:16	0.5	3:59	1.1	10:17	4.1	10:16	5.0
18Sa	4:55	0.5	4:15	1.5	10:56	3.6	10:40	5.0
19Su	5:42	0.6	4:27	1.9	11:46	3.0	11:10	4.9
20M	6:47	0.7	4:28	2.3	(1:13	2.5)	11:53	4.8
21Tu	8:24	0.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
22W	10:08	0.4	—	—	1:06	4.6	—	—
23Th	11:16	-0.1	10:27	2.9	2:55	4.6	6:44	3.4
24F	(12:04	-0.6)	11:39	2.3	4:28	5.0	6:56	3.8
25Sa	—	—	12:44	-0.9	5:36	5.4	7:17	4.3
26Su	12:32	1.5	1:20	-1.0	6:32	5.7	7:42	4.8
27M	1:19	0.8	1:54	-0.9	7:22	5.9	8:10	5.3
28Tu	2:05	0.1	2:27	-0.6	8:11	5.8	8:40	5.7
29W	2:51	-0.4	2:59	-0.1	8:59	5.4	9:11	6.0
30Th	3:38	-0.7	3:31	0.5	9:48	4.9	9:44	6.1
31F	4:27	-0.8	4:02	1.1	10:40	4.2	10:19	5.9

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CLASSES

GPS RECEIVERS

The USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 53 is offering a two (2) session "hands on" course in the use of **GPS Receivers** on Thursdays, March 2 and March 9, 2006 from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., at Boater's World, 5912 E. Edinger Ave. (at Springdale), Huntington Beach, CA.

The first class session will cover GPS receivers, and the GPS system; the position page, i.e. current latitude and longitude; "Mark" a position; entering a position (Waypoint) identified by Latitude and longitude; and optional, entering additional positions for homework.

The second class session will cover "Go To" a previously entered waypoint; check your courses and distances; GPS failures; Accuracy; and Navigation techniques with a GPS.

There is a \$35.00 charge for this course, which includes textbook and handouts.

For further information and pre-registration please call Paul Busher, 714/840-0232.

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SAILING FUNDAMENTALS

The USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 03-03, is offering an 8-week course for sailors, Sailing Fundamentals, beginning on Thursday, March 16, 2006 from 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Classes will be held at Long Beach Police Station at 5373 East Second Street.

This course will cover How a Boat Sails, Boat Nomenclature, Manuvering Crew Responsibilities, Anchoring, Auxiliary Engines, Magnetic Compass, Radio, Heavy Weather Sailing, Marlinespike and more.

Cost is \$30.00. For further information and registration please call Bob at 562/493-3479.



FROM THE MANAGER



**By Mark Sandoval,
Marine Bureau Manager**

I hope you and your loved ones have settled into 2006 well. By the time you read this, the Queen Mary II will probably have come and gone (the date was changed

to February 23 after our last newsletter went out, so I hope you got the date right if you got out to see the sight). That meeting of the two Queens will probably be a once in a lifetime occurrence.

I have a couple of items to report on this month. First, I am sure most of you remember my Marina Superintendent, Doug Parsons, who has now been gone for over a year. It was difficult to fill his void, but after much consideration, we have re-organized the Marine Bureau with the approval of the City Manager. Instead of a Manager, a Superintendent and three Marina Supervisors, we have re-organized the Marine Bureau so that we now have a Manager and three Harbormasters. Essentially, I have made each of the office supervisors Harbormasters by function and responsibility, so that all marina management issues at each marina will flow through them. If there are issues that can't be solved by the appropriate Harbormaster, I will become involved.

The second item is that we are again planning to hold bi-annual liveaboard meetings, as we did about three years ago. I am planning to begin them in April or May, and will hold a separate meeting for each side of town. Representatives from operations, maintenance, police and the rescue boat operation will attend each meeting, as we did in the past. I remember those meetings to be well received, and an excellent forum to share information and discuss issues.

Continuing on the topic of customer communication, we are also beginning a program to take advantage of the "information superhighway", or Internet. I have assigned one of my staff, Darla McMullin, to begin accumulating customer e-mail addresses to create a mailing list for mass communication, since I know not everyone reads this wonderful newsletter regularly.

If you are willing to get on the mailing list, please e-mail your e-mail address, or addresses, to darla.mcmullin@longbeach.gov. If you think that we may not have your current address and/or telephone information in our permit database, please include that information and we can update the system as necessary. I think that this will be the communication medium for the future, so send us an e-mail and get on our list early.

I also wanted to share that a couple of articles in a recent edition of The LOG (January 13-26) caught my attention. The first was titled "Winter Wind, Rain Toss Boats in San Diego, Newport." The article described vessel destruction that occurred in marinas in these two cities. While we felt the effects of the recent storms, we sustained no damage and by all accounts, rode them out wonderfully. This article highlights the fact that in the Long Beach Marinas we are able to enjoy the wonderful, protected location we have for our marinas. The second article was titled "Boat Owners Protest Pricier Vintage." This article describes 35% slip fee increases at the Vintage Marina in the Channel Islands Harbor. In the article, the general manager is quoted as saying, "there were only three fee increases in ten years" and "We have to raise rates if we are going to pay for the necessary upgrades and on-going maintenance..." This article highlights the problems that are encountered when there is no systematic method to rationally raise rates to cover operating costs and marina upgrades, which we have in Long Beach with the annual CPI adjustment. We never want to be in a position where we need to recommend rate increases such as those in the Vintage Marina because we ignored the disparity between revenue and operating costs.

Finally, on a housekeeping note, we are beginning to have a problem with some of our customers attaching items (floats, satellite dishes, boat hydrolifts, ropes for fenders, etc.) to the new docks in the Shoreline Marina. The rule here is pretty simple – please do not attach anything to or on the new docks in the marina. Unfortunately, if anyone does, we will remove the item, repair the dock, and charge the individual for the repair. Your cooperation here is greatly appreciated.

As always, happy and healthy boating.